

(4. cont.) products. Some “common named” areas closed to cutting and/or removal products. as of January 2011 are: **1.** Portions of the Hunter Area (where the Lost Fire is located, contact the Powder River District for open areas), **2.** Trees along road #271 towards Shell Reservoir, **3.** Woodrock Stewardship near Woodrock Guard Station, **4.** Southwest Fuels Salvage Sale via road #434, **5.** Dullknife Stewardship near Hazelton Rd., **6.** West Tensleep Stewardship near roads #27 & 438, **7.** Canyon Creek WUI on road #452, and **8.** Swamp Stewardship on road #316.

- 5.** Cut all stumps to less than 12 inches in height.
- 6.** Cut all branches so as to lay within a maximum of 18 inches of the ground.
- 7.** Do not leave limbs or other excess material from cutting on roads, road cut and fill slopes, or in ditches. Scatter the unused vegetative material on the surrounding landscape.

LIVE POST/POLE/TIPI POLE CUTTING AND REMOVAL

Live post and pole and tipi pole cutting is limited to **two areas** on the Bighorn this year; one is located on the Powder River District and the other is on the Tongue District. A map of open areas **must** be attached to your permit, **no** cutting of live trees is permitted outside of those mapped areas. Contact the District for a location map and other specific information. A permit is required for cutting a set of tipi poles for family ceremonial use. One FS-2400-8 permit and one tag will be issued per family upon request and at no charge.

WHERE CAN YOU DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE /ATV TO OBTAIN PRODUCTS?

- You may drive a vehicle, ATV or other piece of equipment up to 300 feet directly off of an existing open road system available for travel, provided no resource damage occurs as a result.
- ATVs & chainsaws must be equipped with an exhaust system in good repair with an approved spark arrestor. An owner’s manual or vehicle dealer should have information on proper spark arresting devices.

The price per tag as of this printing was \$9.00. The minimum purchase is \$27.00 (three tags) for both dead and live products. This price is subject to change during the year, based on the market index.

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Disclaimer: If conflicts arise between information provided here and the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs, the permit conditions, established laws, polices, regulations, orders, or programs prevail.

BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST

POST/POLE &

TIPI POLE GUIDE

(REVISED FOR CALENDAR Year 2012)



Many areas on the Bighorn National Forest have restrictions concerning off-road vehicle travel. Check the Bighorn National Forest Recreation Map, or with one of the District Offices listed below for information on areas with travel restrictions or additional information about our Forest Product Programs.

Powder River District Office 1415 Fort Street Buffalo, Wyoming 82834 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m. 307-684-7806	Medicine Wheel-Paintrock District Office 604 E. Main Lovell, WY 82431 307-548-6541 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
USDA – Greybull Service Center 408 Greybull Avenue Greybull, Wyoming 82426 307-745-2663 8a.m. to 4:30 p.m. NO MAIL-IN PERMITS AVAILABLE!	Tongue District & Forest Supervisor's Office 2013 Eastside 2nd Street Sheridan, WY 82801 307-674-2600 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mail-in Forms can be found at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/bighorn/home <u>Passes & Permits</u> <u>Forest Products</u> Completed forms must be mailed to one of the District Offices at the address above.	

Federal Offices are open Monday through Friday and closed on Federal Holidays

INFORMATION AND SOME GENERAL CONDITIONS COMMON TO DEAD AND LIVE PRODUCTS

Permits issued for the Bighorn National Forest are valid **ONLY** on the Bighorn National Forest, not on any other Federal, State, County, or Private Lands. ALL conditions for cutting and removing post/poles/tipi poles are listed on the FS-2400-1 or FS-2400-8 permit. You must sign the Permit and the Load Tickets (tags) with your full signature before leaving the issuing office, or upon receipt of mailed permits. Your signature on the permit and tags indicates you understand that it is your responsibility to know and follow all permit requirements stated on the face and reverse of the permit, and that you agree to abide by them. Please understand, we CANNOT give refunds for any reason. A minimum of 3 tags is required at **each** purchase.

- Each tag represents a maximum quantity of 20 posts, poles, or tipi poles.
- A minimum of one tag per 20 product pieces or portion thereof is required when transporting.

Examples:

Cutting or Hauling 1 piece requires 1 tag.
Cutting or Hauling 20 pieces requires 1 tag but,
Cutting or Hauling 21 pieces requires 2 tags.

- The **maximum** number of post and pole tags that can be purchased per adult (18 years or older) per calendar year is 20 tags which is 400 product pieces.
- All power saws must be equipped with an exhaust system in good repair with a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrestor. An owner's manual or chainsaw dealer should have information on proper spark arresting devices.
- The 2400-1 or 2400-8 permit you signed, and the signed tags, must be in your possession while cutting.
- The tags must be validated and attached to the rear of the vehicle and be clearly visible as approached from the back of the vehicle prior to transporting the product. Validation requires tearing the month and day of removal off of the tag before hauling.

- You are **not** authorized to cut individual trees over the total products permitted by the number of unused tags you have in your possession at the cutting site.
- The permit and tags are not transferable **unless** you have signed a Bighorn Optional Form 0202-2460-1a **and** it is attached to your permit. Otherwise, you **must** be present at the cutting site when cutting and loading is being done by someone else. (Form available online for mail-in.)
- There is no maximum length per piece but there is a maximum diameter of less than 7 inches on the large end of each piece. Your tags are 7" wide.
- The permit expiration date for DEAD products is midnight December 31 of the year issued.
- The permit expiration date for LIVE product permits is midnight September 30 of the year issued.
- The permit expiration date for Free Use Tipi Pole (family ceremonial use) (FS-2400-8) permits is midnight August 31 of the year issued.

SOME SPECIFIC FOREST-WIDE DEAD POST/POLE CUTTING/REMOVAL CONDITIONS

1. Standing dead or down trees may be removed under the Dead Post & Pole Permit. Standing dead conifer will have no needles left, or **ALL** of the needles will be brown or red. A "down" tree will be broken off the trunk and laying on the ground, have roots showing if layed over, or roots sprung from the ground if leaning. Hardwood trees, such as aspen, may be cut and removed under the same conditions. Remember, from mid-fall through late-spring hardwood trees do not have leaves, so be careful not to cut a live hardwood.
2. Only **DEAD** trees **less than 7 inches** in diameter when measured 12 inches from the ground may be removed. (Note, as a guide, the width of the tag is 7.0 inches.)
3. Do not cut trees marked with signs or paint.
4. Cutting is not permitted in the **Cloud Peak Wilderness**, all active timber sales, research natural areas, administrative sites (including recreation residences, campgrounds, picnic areas, recreation sites, resort areas, or any area signed as closed to cutting forest (cont.)